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No.....

TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ASHLAND,

EMBRACING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, LIQUOR AGENT,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, &c.

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

TILTON, N. H.:

Chas. F. Hill, Printer and Stationer, No. 3 Hill's Block.

1880.

Report of the Selectmen.

Taxable Articles, 1879.

253 Polls,	\$25,300 00
131 Horses,	7,484 00
390 Cattle,	9,594 00
304 Sheep,	940 00
5 Hogs,	28 00
Carriages,	1,180 00
Stock in Trade,	33,318 00
Money at Interest,	36,278 00
Factories and Machinery,	70,800 00
Real Estate,	216,826 00
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	\$401,748 00

State, County, Town and School tax on poll,	\$1 31
Highway tax, on poll,	41
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	\$1 72

Out-Standing Claims.

Paid John S. Drew, care of Hall,	\$6 12
Charles H. Huckins, breaking roads,	5 64
Frank H. Leavitt, " "	5 70
Ira Huckins, " "	3 24
C. W. Smythe, " "	2 52

Paid F. M. Hughes, Sheriff fees and cost, J. Peavey case,	\$22 94
John B. Carr, breaking roads,	23 45
M. S. Brown, Sheriff fee, complaint, &c.,	8 00
E. F. Bailey, Justice, Sheriff, and witness fees,	11 52
A. F. Jones, breaking roads,	9. 00
Paul Perkins, bounty on fox,	50
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	\$98 63

CURRENT EXPENSES.—Paid by order on Town Treasurer.

A. C. Whipple, registering births and deaths,	\$6 25
H. C. Dearborn, services as Supervisor,	8 00
Edson C. Eastman, books and blanks,	22 30
F. M. Hughes, services as Auditor,	3 00
Chas. F. Hill, printing reports and blanks,	25 10
B. F. Pease, services as Moderator,	4 00
Geo. B. Gordon, services as Supervisor,	10 00
J. M. Cotton, damage to wagon,	3 50
D. H. Smith, medicine of F. V. Dana,	2 00
R. R. D. Dearborn, services as Librarian,	25 00
“ “ “ Collector,	75 00
“ “ storing liquor,	3 00
B. B. Worthen, services as Town Clerk,	36 75
“ “ insuring Town Hall,	50 00
Dexter Sanborn, services as Auditor and Supervisor,	8 00
“ “ “ Supervisor in October,	3 00
“ “ “ S. S. Committee,	19 00
Frank L. Hughes, services as Treasurer,	25 00
Henry Page, services as Selectman,	49 00
Frank N. Flanders, “ “	41 50
Eri G. Clapp, “ “	65 00
“ “ “ Overseer of Poor,	10 00
“ “ copying inventory and tax book,	5 00
“ “ postage, &c.,	25
“ “ bounty on 3 hawks,	60
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	\$500 25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Thomas N. Hughes, plank and timber,	\$ 180 00
Henry Page, plank and boards,	8 20
" " 975 feet plank for Union bridge,	19 50
" " 1874 " Ames bridge,	37 48
" " plank for Ames bridge, and labor on Owl Brook bridge,	4 85
Charles C. Eastman, labor on Owl Brook bridge,	49 52
Paul Perkins, " "	12 00
Thomas N. Hughes, plank for Tannery bridge,	9 73
Caleb A. Huckins, bolts for Owl Brook bridge,	2 48
R. F. Pease, watering trough,	3 00
Hughes & Huckins, powder, fuse, and nails for Surveyors,	6 07
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	\$ 332 83

EXPENSE OF POOR.

Paid Lizzie E. Smythe, for Mrs. James Drew,	\$ 162 00
S. N. Morse, for James Rowe,	165 00
Ambrose T. Merrill, for Hutton child,	51 00
Eri G. Clapp, Mrs. Courtier's fare to Suncook,	2 05
C. S. Gerald, boarding A. Peaslee,	1 50
Hodgdon & Pollard, goods for Courtier family,	19 25
Joe. Bonner, digging 2 graves for Yott children,	2 00
Hodgdon & Pollard, goods for Courtier family, and 2 coffins, &c. for Yott children,	28 20
A. C. Whipple, attendance on Yott girl,	6 00
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	\$ 437 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

	School Money.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	\$ 894 74	\$ 46 80	\$ 941 54
" " 2,	22 03	5 00	27 03
" " 3,	42 44	2 50	44 94
" " 4,	69 32	5 60	74 92
" " 5,	10 97	1 89	12 86
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	\$ 1,039 50	\$ 61 79	\$ 1,101 29

RECAPITULATION.

Selectmen's Account for the Year ending March 1, 1880.

PAID BY ORDER ON TOWN TREASURER.

Out-standing Claims,	\$98 63
Current Expenses,	500 25
Expense of Poor,	437 00
School Money,	1,101 29
Roads and Bridges,	332 83
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	\$2,470 00

HENRY PAGE, } *Selectmen of*
 ERI G. CLAPP, } *Ashland.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors, for the*
 FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*
 J. G. MORRISON,

Ashland, March 1, 1880.

Collector's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1880.

Amount of Resident Taxes committed to me	
for collection,	\$9,430 12
Amount of Non-Resident Taxes,	57 80
" - Interest collected,	14 73
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	\$9,502 65

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$6,736 00
" Highway Surveyors,	25 28
Abatements,	29 49
Discounts,	55 43
Amount Highway Surveyor's receipts, resident,	724 70
" " " non-resident,	4 47
Uncollected,	1,927 28
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	\$9,502 65

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Collector.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1880.

Janitor's Report.

W. E. KIMBALL, in Account with the Town of Ashland,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

	DR.
To Cash received for rent of Hall,	\$80 90
	CR.
By care of Hall, and Cash paid for supplies,	\$41 35
" Cash paid Town Treasurer,	39 55
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	\$80 90

WM. E. KIMBALL, *Janitor.*

Report of Town Librarian,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

No. of Volumes in Library,	650
CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:	
Public Documents,	111
Poetical,	45
Historical,	62
Biographical,	33
Miscellaneous,	399
Number of charges of books during the year,	1,054
Number of Persons charged with books during same time,	131
Amount of fines collected,	20 cts.

Many of the books are so much worn, and with loose leaves, as to make it necessary to withdraw them from general circulation, that they may be the better preserved for repairs. A few are so much damaged as to be past repair. New books are very much wanted. *They are needed.*

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Town Librarian.*

Report of the Town Liquor Agent,

FROM MARCH 1ST, 1879 TO MARCH 12TH, 1879.

Estimated cost value of Liquors on hand, Mar. 1, 1879,	\$140 84
Cash received from sales,	\$17 78

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid my salary from March-7th, 1879, to March 12th,	
1879, at \$80. per year,	\$1 32
Paid Town Treasurer,	16 46
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	\$17 78
Estimated cost value of Liquors remaining on hand,	\$126 44

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Town Liquor Agent.*

Ashland, March 1, 1880.

Treasurer's Report.

FRANK L. HUGHES, in Account with the Town of Ashland.

	DR.
To balance brought forward from last year,	\$864 83
Cash of M. A. Smith,	200 00
“ E. G. Clapp,	1 50
County order,	289 05
Railroad tax,	95 36
Savings Bank tax,	568 48
Literary Fund,	61 79
Cash of W. E. Kimball, for use of Town Hall,	39 55
“ A. E. Porter, for liquor sold,	86 75
“ Dexter Sanborn, Collector for 1876,	11 80
“ “ “ 1877, interest,	54 26
“ “ “ “	42 36
“ “ “ 1878,	477 96
“ R. R. D. Dearborn, library fines,	20
“ “ liquor sold in 1878,	16 46
“ “ State, County, Town	
and School taxes, 1879,	4,576 00
“ “ new School-house tax,	2,160 00
	<u>\$9,546 35</u>

	CR.
By paid notes and interest,	\$859 54
“ County tax,	1,849 29
“ State tax,	1,188 00
“ Dist. No. 1 School-house Committee,	2,160 00
“ Town orders,	2,470 00
“ Cash on hand,	1,019 52
	<u>\$9,546 35</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, FRANCIS M. HUGHES, J. G. MORRISON,	}	<i>Auditors of the Town of Ashland.</i>
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Ashland, N. H., Feb. 28, 1880.

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Out-standing notes and accrued interest to March

1st, 1880,	\$4,972 24
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CR.

By balance due from County, on account

of paupers,	\$272 00
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Balance of Liquors, &c.,	25 00
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Uncollected taxes in hand of Dexter Sanborn, for 1877 and 1878,	395 63
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Uncollected taxes, in hand of R. R. D. Dearborn, for 1879,	768 98
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Cash,	1,019 52
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\$2,481 13

Amount of debt, March 1, 1880,	\$2,491 11
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Amount of debt March 1, 1879,	\$2,995 98
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" " " 1880,	2,491 11
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Decrease of debt, 1879,	\$504 87
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F. L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In conformity with the law, and for your information, the undersigned submit their Annual Report of the Board of Education.

The Summer Term consisted of 9 weeks.

The Fall “ “ 11 “

The Winter “ “ 10 “

On the assembling of the schools at the opening of the Summer Term, the Primary Department was found to be so large that the Board felt obliged to start the 2nd Primary.

The SUMMER TERM was taught as follows :

Grammar School, by Miss Lydia A. Webster.

Intermediate, by Miss Fannie M. Keyes.

1st Primary, by Miss Maria F. Ladd.

2nd Primary, by Miss M. Alice Smith.

FALL TERM.—Grammar School, by Miss Fannie M. Keyes.

Intermediate, by Miss Emma J. Fellows.

1st Primary, by Miss Maria F. Ladd.

2nd Primary, by Miss M. Alice Smith.

WINTER TERM.—Grammar School, by Miss Fannie M. Keyes.

Intermediate, by Miss Emma J. Fellows.

Primary, by Miss Maria F. Ladd.

At the commencement of the Winter Term, the Primary scholars were reduced in numbers, so that the 2nd Primary was discontinued.

The Scarlet Fever has somewhat disturbed the school during the entire year, but aside from that, the schools have been a success. The Teachers have manifested a strong interest in their several charges, which the examinations have proved.

We think our schools will compare favorably with any similar schools in the State.

The discipline of the schools has been very good ; and the Board have seldom been called upon to consider cases of infringement of the rules.

They are also pleased to notice an increased interest manifested by the public, in the large number of visitors at the close of the terms.

HONOR ROLL.—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.

Wilfred Brown,	Delle Dearborn,
Ora Brown,	Martha Smith,
Wilber Bailey,	Grace Bailey,
Clarence Smith,	Alliean Clough,
Alice Ames,	Ellen Webster.

SECOND TERM.

Alice Appleyard,	Frank E. Shepard,
Adelle Dearborn,	John D. Shepard,
Allie Gordon,	Herman W. Shepard,
Ellen Webster,	Carlos Huckins,
Alice Ames,	Frank Huckins,
Ada Peaslee,	Sheldon Ellis,
Grace Bailey,	Ansel Cummings,
Alliean Clough,	Ora Brown,
Adelle C. Ladd,	Wilfred Brown,
Gertie Harriman,	George Dearborn,
Mary Horrigan,	Wilber Bailey.

THIRD TERM.

Adelle Dearborn,	Geo. H. Dearborn,
Allie Gordon,	Geo. E. Scribner,
Ellen Webster,	Frank E. Shepard.
Ada Peaslee,	John D. Shepard,
Alliean Clough,	Herman W. Shepard,
Adelle C. Ladd,	Sheldon E. Ellis,
Mary J. Horrigan,	Frank O'Neil,
Grace T. Bailey,	Jerry Sullivan,
Wilfred F. Brown,	Frank S. Huckins,
Ora A. Brown,	Corydon E. Woodman.
Wilber W. Bailey,	

HONOR ROLL.—INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.

John D. Shepard,	Elmer E. Dearborn.
Herman W. Shepard,	Willie L. Smith,
Willie M. Sweeney,	Lucy A. Hughes,
Willie Fisher,	Mabel S. Baker,
Harry S. Heath,	Sara J. Andrews.

SECOND TERM.

Willie Fisher,	Carrie F. Fletcher,
Charlie Peaslee,	Clara B. Harriman,
Alice Dearborn,	Nellie Horrigan,
Minnie Baker,	Mary M. Sweeney,
Lillian E. Fadden,	Willie Smith.
Maggie Horrigan,	

THIRD TERM.

Charles L. Gordon,	Wilmer G. Baker,
James D. Fadden,	Sara J. Andrews,
Henry W. Morse,	Alice M. Dearborn,
Charlie O. Perkins,	Maggie Horrigan,
Willie L. Smith,	Lucy A. Hughes,
Elmer E. Dearborn,	Carrie F. Fletcher,
Charlie C. Peaslee,	Clara B. Harriman,
Willie C. Fisher,	Nellie Horrigan.

HONOR ROLL.—1st PRIMARY SCHOOL.**FIRST TERM.**

Lucy Cass,	Mamie Mousette,
Addie Cheney,	Harry Cheney,
Maggie Dow,	Carl Clapp,
Mamie Fisher,	Charlie Fisher,
Lulu Heath,	Charlie Wright.
Alice Morrison,	

SECOND TERM.

Mamie Fisher,	Charlie Fisher,
Lulu M. Heath,	Charlie Rogers.
Edith Sanborn,	

THIRD TERM.

Mamie Fisher,	Johnie Smith,
Johnie Bateman,	Carl Clapp,
Charlie Rogers,	Harry Bowen,
Charlie Fisher,	Charlie Robinson.

HONOR ROLL.—2nd PRIMARY SCHOOL.**FIRST TERM.**

Johnie Bateman,	Phebe Cheney,
Walter Gerald,	Mary Cheney,
Selina Baker,	Inez Heath.
Minnie Baker,	

SECOND TERM.

Henry Harriman,	Inez Heath.
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J. F. KEYES, *President.*

MARTHA D. SHEPARD, *Secretary.*

For the Board.

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The Board of Education in Dist. No. 1 have seen fit to change the Franklin Readers for the Appleton series.

The change was made this last winter, and as our schools in the other Districts, with one exception, were not in session, we were unable to make the change at the same time. Arrangements, however, can be made to have the change completed when the schools open in the spring.

In all the Districts, except one, we have had two or more terms of school. The exception is in No. 5, a Union District, where they have had only eight weeks of school for the year. I would recommend that they appropriate a sum of money at their school meeting sufficient to prolong their school to twenty weeks.

Our schools have made good advancement the past year. Harmony has prevailed, and a general co-operation of teachers, parents, and scholars.

From observations, made during the past two years, I am satisfied that Normal School graduates make the best teachers; and I hope Prudential Committees will employ them when they can.

ATTENDANCE.

Under this subject I can do no better than quote from the report of Col. Francis W. Parker, Supt. of Schools, of Quincy, Mass., who says:

"Normal teaching and good treatment have nearly, if not quite, settled the question of attendance. As a rule, children attend school when they possibly can. There is noticeably a growing love

for school and all that pertains to it. Means of stimulating attendance, behaviour and study, outside of real teaching, are becoming less and less necessary.

The results seem to prove that the attractive influence of real teaching will render punishment and compulsion in attendance unnecessary. There is, I believe, in this direction a far higher result than this—to be seen by those who follow the children from step to step, and grade to grade. It is the steady growth in good character of the boys and girls in our public schools. The moral effect of filling children's heads full of good thoughts, and their hands full of pleasant, absorbing work is the formation of good habits of thought and action."

As to the employment of the same teachers, for a long time, he says :

"The continuous, steady work, so indispensable in obtaining good results, has been often sadly interrupted by the

LOSS OF GOOD TEACHERS.

No matter how competent the successors may be, they cannot take up another's work without the loss of much valuable time. Several schools have suffered severely by the loss of excellent teachers during the past year. * * * The vastly greater inducements which more wealthy places can offer must always tend to cripple our schools in this manner. In those schools where the teaching has not been broken by resignations, the very best results are found. As I have said before in this report, most of the punishments, truancies and complaints are the result of changes in teachers. Money cannot measure the difference between good and poor teachers. No amount of supervision, no methods, however excellent, can remedy, in any degree, the defects of an incompetent teacher. The teacher is the school."

DEXTER SANBORN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 28, 1880.

Number of District	Teachers.	Number of Terms.	Number of Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Daily Attendance.	Amount of Money Expended.	Amount Expended to each Scholar.
1, 2nd Primary.	M. Alice Smith.	2	19	31	24	95 ³ ₄	\$995.61	\$6.82
1, 1st Primary.	Maria F. Ladd.	3	30	55	40	93 ¹ ₂		
1, Intermediate.	Fanny M. Keyes.	3	30	46	28	96 ¹ ₁₂		
	Emma J. Fellows.							
1, Grammar.	Lydia A. Webster.	3	30	50	36	97	†\$86.25	5.39
2.	Fanny M. Keyes.	2	19	16	12	89 ¹ ₂		
3, Union.	Mary E. Nutting.	3	28	*17	9	94		
	Mary E. Calley.							
4.	Nellie J. Clark.	2	21	9	7	90	84.80	9.42
	Addie M. Batchelder.							
5, Union.	Flora E. Wallace.	1	8	*16	13	88	†33.00	2.06
	Clara J. Little.							
Total, 20 195 240		93	\$1,339.41	5.58				

† This item includes \$ 30.00 given in board.

‡ These items include what money came from other towns.

* These items include all the scholars from other towns.

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